

Court No.
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Item 52
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2022

C.R.R. 2585 of 2021

In the matter of:- Saiful Molla

(via video conference)

Mr. Shashanka Shekhar Saha
...for the petitioner

Mr. Swapan Banerjee
Ms. Purnima Ghosh

...for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Section 21 (c) of the NDPS Act.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 10.01.2019 the date on which the FIR was lodged. Charge-sheet was submitted in 2019. Supplementary charge-sheet was submitted in 2020. The prosecution intends to examine 10 witnesses in this case. On 20.09.2021, charge was framed. Till date, not a single witness could be examined. The matter has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioners.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the State would not come in the way if a direction is passed

to expedite the proceeding.

I have heard the submissions of the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the proceeding in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 10.01.2019.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, I request the learned trial Court to conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of ten months from the next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copies of this order may be delivered to the learned Advocates for the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)